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In re Appln. of: POMBEIRO, Armando, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/532,387

Filed: November 4, 2005

For: VANADIUM CATALYSTS AND PROCESS
FOR THE DIRECT CONVERSION OF
METHANE INTO ACETIC ACID

Examiner: Zucker, Paul A.

Art Unit: 1621

Attorney Docket No: 10866/004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Amendment and Response to Office Action of December 5, 2006 (8 pages including transmittal)
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Respectfully submitted,

Date

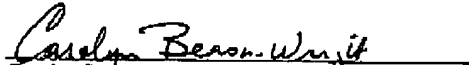
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 5, 2006

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2006.

Amendments to the Title are presented on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification are presented on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims that begins on
page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Title:

Please amend the Title of the application to

--PROCESS FOR DIRECT CONVERSION OF METHANE INTO ACETIC
ACID--